

marines. The years 1941 to 1945 also witnessed an unprecedented mobilization of domestic industry, which supplied our military on two distant fronts.

In Louisiana, there remain today about 30,000 living WWII veterans, and each one has a heroic tale of achieving the noble victory of freedom over tyranny. This group had 36 veterans who served in the U.S. Army, 14 in the Army Air Corps, 34 in the Navy, 4 in the Marine Corps, one in the Merchant Marines, one in the Coast Guard, and 2 were a part of Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Services, WAVES.

Our heroes, many of them from South Louisiana, trekked the world for their country. They fought in Germany, Holland, France, Italy, Africa, Guam, Bougainville, Guadalcanal, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, the Philippines, New Guinea, Japan, and Saipan. Their journeys included the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, and Normandy.

One of our Army Air Corps was held as a prisoner of war after his aircraft was shot down over Germany. Three other Army veterans fought bravely in the Battle of the Bulge, all three receiving a Purple Heart and one receiving three Bronze stars for his service.

One Navy veteran earned 10 medals for his service in the Pacific. An Army Air Corps veteran served in 20 combat missions in Europe between 1942 and 1955. Another Navy veteran was present for the surrender at Tokyo Bay in 1945.

One Navy veteran was serving in Pearl Harbor during the infamous Japanese attack in 1941. Eight veterans received Purple Hearts and five of them were held as prisoners of war.

I am also proud to acknowledge that of the 92 veterans who visited Washington this past weekend, 2 were women who served our country with honor and distinction during World War II.

I ask the Senate to join me in honoring these 92 veterans, all Louisiana heroes, who visited Washington, and Louisiana HonorAir for making these trips a reality.●

TRANSMITTING NOTIFICATION OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE EMERGENCY DECLARED PERTAINING TO SIGNIFICANT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS CENTERED IN COLOMBIA TO CONTINUE IN EFFECT BEYOND OCTOBER 21, 2009, AS RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON OCTOBER 16, 2009—PM 33

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1622(d), provides

for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the emergency declared with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia is to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2009.

The circumstances that led to the declaration on October 21, 1995, of a national emergency have not been resolved. The actions of significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States and to cause an extreme level of violence, corruption, and harm in the United States and abroad. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to maintain economic pressure on significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia by blocking their property and interests in property that are in the United States or within the possession or control of United States persons and by depriving them of access to the U.S. market and financial system.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 16, 2009.

REPORT RELATIVE TO THE HAITIAN HEMISPHERIC OPPORTUNITY THROUGH PARTNERSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT ACT OF 2008 (HOPE II) (P.L. 110-246) THAT AMENDED THE CARIBBEAN BASIN ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT (CBERA) MAKING CERTAIN ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS FROM HAITI ELIGIBLE FOR PREFERENTIAL TARIFF TREATMENT AFTER OCTOBER 18, 2009, AS RECEIVED DURING THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE SENATE ON OCTOBER 16, 2009—PM 34

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of The United States which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the Congress of the United States:

The Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership Encouragement Act of 2008 (HOPE II) (the "Act") (Public Law 110-246), amended the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA) to make certain additional products from Haiti eligible for preferential tariff treatment. Under HOPE II, these imports from Haiti will continue to be eligible for preferential treatment after October 18, 2009, if I determine and certify that Haiti has met certain eligibility criteria set out in the Act.

Since enactment of HOPE II, Haiti has issued a decree establishing an

independent labor ombudsman's office, and the President of Haiti has selected a labor ombudsman following consultation with unions and industry representatives. In addition, Haiti, in cooperation with the International Labor Organization, has established a Technical Assistance Improvement and Compliance Needs Assessment and Remediation (TAICNAR) Program. Haiti has also implemented an electronic visa system that acts as a registry of Haitian producers of articles eligible for duty-free treatment and has made participation in the TAICNAR Program a condition of using this visa system.

In light of these actions and in accordance with section 213A of CBERA, as amended, I have determined and hereby certify that Haiti: (i) has implemented the requirements set forth in sections 213A(e)(2) and (e)(3); and (ii) is requiring producers of articles for which duty-free treatment may be requested under section 213A(b) to participate in the TAICNAR Program and has developed a system to ensure participation in such program by such producers, including by developing and maintaining a registry of producers.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, October 16, 2009.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:03 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2442. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to expand the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2442. An act to amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to expand the Bay Area Regional Water Recycling Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-3416. A communication from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Internal Control Over Financial Reporting in Exchange Act Periodic Reports of Non-Accelerated Filers" (RIN3235-AK48) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2009; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-3417. A communication from the Attorney Advisor, U.S. Coast Guard, Department

of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Quarterly Listings; Safety Zones; Security Zones; Special Local Regulations; Regulated Navigation Areas; Drawbridge Operation Regulations" (Docket No. USG-2009-0909) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 14, 2009; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-3418. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Quality Designations for the 2006 24-Hour Fine Particle (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standards" (FRL No. 8969-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3419. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; South Carolina; Clear Air Interstate Rule" (FRL No. 8969-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3420. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District" (FRL No. 8959-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on October 15, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3421. A communication from the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the report of proposed legislation relative to Multilateral Child Support Convention Implementation; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-3422. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, the certification of a proposed amendment to a technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including, technical data, and defense services to Finland relative to the integration of surfaced launched AMRAAM electronics kits in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. BAUCUS, from the Committee on Finance, without amendment:

S. 1796. An original bill to provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 111-89).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 1796. An original bill to provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending, and for other purposes; from the Committee on Finance; placed on the calendar.

By Mr. LUGAR:

S. 1797. A bill to extend the temporary reduction of the duty on certain textured rolled glass sheets; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SANDERS:

S. 1798. A bill to provide for the automatic enrollment of demobilizing members of the National Guard and Reserve in health care and dental care programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. REED, Mr. BROWN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. REID):

S. 1799. A bill to amend the Truth in Lending Act, to establish fair and transparent practices related to the marketing and provision of overdraft coverage programs at depository institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. CASEY, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CORNYN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. PRYOR):

S. Res. 314. A resolution designating the week beginning October 18, 2009, as "National Character Counts Week"; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 148

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 148, a bill to restore the rule that agreements between manufacturers and retailers, distributors, or wholesalers to set the minimum price below which the manufacturer's product or service cannot be sold violates the Sherman Act.

S. 254

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 254, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the coverage of home infusion therapy under the Medicare Program.

S. 456

At the request of Mr. DODD, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. HAGAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 456, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretary of Education, to develop guidelines to be used on a voluntary basis to develop plans to manage the risk of food allergy and anaphylaxis in schools and early childhood education programs, to establish school-based food allergy management grants, and for other purposes.

S. 607

At the request of Mr. UDALL of Colorado, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 607, a bill to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that are subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes.

S. 795

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 795, a bill to amend the Social Security Act to enhance the social security of the Nation by ensuring adequate public-private infrastructure and to resolve to prevent, detect, treat, intervene in, and prosecute elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and for other purposes.

S. 823

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 823, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a 5-year carryback of operating losses, and for other purposes.

S. 825

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 825, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore, increase, and make permanent the exclusion from gross income for amounts received under qualified group legal services plans.

S. 883

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WEBB), the Senator from Florida (Mr. LEMIEUX), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) were added as cosponsors of S. 883, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the Medal of Honor in 1861, America's highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States, to honor the American military men and women who have been recipients of the Medal of Honor, and to promote awareness of what the Medal of Honor represents and how ordinary Americans, through courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism, can challenge fate and change the course of history.

S. 941

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. ENSIGN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 941, a bill to reform the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, modernize firearm laws and regulations, protect the community from criminals, and for other purposes.